

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 07/11/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4 and 6-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-4 and 6-20 are allowed. Claims 5 and 21-30 are cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James R. Bell on 08/29/2006.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

- A. In the claims:

- a. Claims 5 and 21-30 are cancelled.

- b. Claim 1. (Currently Amended)

(Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a system BIOS;

a server including a script associated with a dongle based identification device, an identifier and order information;

a computer system coupled to the server and including a port;

the dongle based identification device coupled to the port, the dongle based device including the identifier;

the computer system configured to:

in response to being powered up, boot by executing instructions from the BIOS;

read the identifier from the dongle based device;

provide the identifier to the server;

in response to receiving the identifier, the server causing the identifier to be ~~installed~~ matched with the order information and the script; and

cause the script associated with the identifier to be executed to cause one or more software components to be installed onto the computer system; and the identifier being removed from the computer system along with the dongle based identification device and returned to a pool of identification devices for reuse.

c. Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a computer system including a system BIOS;

providing a server including a script associated with a dongle based identification device, an identifier and order information;

coupling the dongle based identification device to the port, the dongle based device including the identifier;

configuring the computer system to:

in response to being powered up, boot by executing instructions from the BIOS;

read the identifier from the dongle based device;

provide the identifier to the server;

in response to receiving the identifier, the server causing the identifier to be ~~installed~~ matched with the order information and the script; and

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cause the script associated with the identifier to be executed to cause one or more software components to be installed into the computer system; and removing the identifier from the computer system along with the dongle based identification device and returned to a pool of identification devices for reuse.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

None of the prior arts of record teach or suggest the claimed limitation wherein a server includes a script associated with a dongle based identification device, an identifier and order information, and a computer system incorporating a port with the dongle based identification device including the identifier attached to the port and also the computer system coupled to the server. The computer system upon being powered up, boot by executing instructions from the BIOS; reads the identifier from the dongle based device and provides the identifier to the server. The receipt of the identifier from the computer system causes the server to match the identifier with the order information and the script; and then the script associated with the identifier is to be executed to cause one or more software components to be installed onto the computer system; and the identifier being removed from the computer system along with the dongle based identification device and returned to a pool of identification devices for reuse.

None of the prior arts of record teach or fairly suggest the claimed limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should

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preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ashok B. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am-5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A. Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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